

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
August 16, 2011

A regular meeting of the Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order by Chairman Dan Johnson at 7:30PM on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Airport Terminal. Other Commission members present included Bruce M. Trimble, Robert Walker and Ron Reik. Also in attendance were Lowell Prange, Tim Ward, Larry Jess and Randy Eide. A motion was made by Walter, seconded by Trimble, to approve the July 19, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Trimble provided the Commission a verbal report on the results of the July 9, 2011 Fly-In. Trimble and Ward agreed to meet before the September Commission meeting to determine a proposed date for the 2012 Fly-In.

Eide informed the Commission that the budget transfer request from contingency was approved by the City Council on August 1st and the contractor has already started improving the lighting conditions on the airport. New Reil lights are on order and should be arriving within 2-weeks.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons associated with switching from a GCO (Ground Communications Outlet) to a RCO (Remote Communications Outlet), the commission took no action. Primary basis for this decision was the lack of financial support from the FAA to install a RCO.

Ward and Eide updated the Commission on the status of several open maintenance issues at the airport. Specifically, the commission was informed that asphalt repairs would commence within the next two weeks, the fuel pump light should be installed by the first week of September, and the carpet squares in the terminal will be replaced September 12th and 13th. Jess informed the Commission that the old terminal roof had new shingles.

Under new business the proposed Airport 2012 budget was reviewed by the Commission. Prange suggested increasing water and sewer to \$950 from \$750 and increasing Electricity to \$11,000 from \$10,000 based on past billings and consumption. After a brief discussion of the various line items a motion was made by Walter, seconded by Reik, to approve the Airport 2012 proposed budget to include the recommended changes from Prange. Motion carried.

The Commission discussed Aviation Education and Training as it relates to the airport. After a good deal of discussion, the Commission elected to add this particular item to the September Agenda and invite Patrick Mattson and Chris Smith (UW Stout Tech Park and Dunn County Economic Development Coordinator) to the September meeting.

Under Airport Manager's Report the Commission was informed that an individual was interested in establishing a grill lunch counter at the old terminal building. The Commission elected to review the proposal at their regularly scheduled October meeting if a proposal was received by October 11, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy D. Eide,
Recording Secretary